





The Egyptian Revolution of 1919: The Birth of the Modern Nation



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Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 March 2019

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Wednesday 27 March

Registration 09.00 09.30-09.45 The Rt Hon. Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, James Watt and Dr Hassan Hakimian on behalf of the BES, CBRL and LMEI 09.45-10.45 1919 A Century Beyond: Reflections on Egyptian Polity Keynote Speaker: Professor Nabil Fahmy Dean of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in Cairo Chair: **Professor Magdy Ishak Hanna** Vice Chairman, British Egyptian Society 10.45 Refreshments 11.15-12.00 Session 2 Reflections on the 1919 Independence Movement Copts in the 1919 Revolution - An Exceptional Participation in Egyptian Political Life Mounir Fakhry Abdel Nour Former Egyptian Minister of Trade, Industry and Investment Moderator: Sir Derek Plumbly Former British Ambassador to Egypt 12.00-13.00 **Session 3** The Great Theft of History: The First World War and the Prelude to Revolution **Professor Khaled Fahmy** His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Sa'id Professor of Modern Arabic Studies, University of Cambridge Moderator: Roger Hardy Associate Fellow, Green Templeton College, Oxford 13.00 Lunch 14.00-15.15 **Session 4** The Strategy and Tactics of the Protests Telegraphing Revolt: Protest Diffusion in the 1919 Egyptian Revolution Dr Neil Ketchley Lecturer in Middle East Politics, King's College London Workers on the Canal, Camaraderie within Apartheid Mohamed Elsayed MA History, SOAS and Co-founder of Mubtada

Assistant Professor in the International Relations of the Middle East in the School of Government

15.15 Refreshments

Moderator: Dr May Darwich

and International Affairs, Durham University

15.45-17.00

Session 5 Britain and Egypt

The British and 1919: Reaction, Reform and Regime Restoration

Professor James Whidden

Professor, Department of History, Acadia University

'No Very Fixed Ideas'. The Foreign Office, the High Commissioners and the Egyptian Nationalists

Dr C. W. Richard Long

Author of British Pro-Consuls in Egypt, 1914-1929

Moderator: **HE Sir Geoffrey Adams** *British Ambassador to Egypt*

18.00-19.30

PUBLIC LECTURE

THE IMPACT OF EGYPT'S 1919 REVOLUTION ON THE POST-OTTOMAN ARAB WORLD

Keynote Speaker: Professor Eugene Rogan

Professor of Modern Middle Eastern History, Director, St Antony's

College Middle East Centre, Oxford University

Chair: James Watt

Chairman, Council for British Research in the Levant

Thursday 28 March

09.00-10.15

Session 6 The Role of Women in the Independence Movement

A Ward of Their Own: Mothers, Medical Doctors and the Revolution of 1919

Professor Beth Baron

Distinguished Professor and Director, Middle East and Middle Eastern American

Center, The City College of New York

Women and Gender in the 1919 Revolution and Beyond

Professor Margot Badran

Senior Fellow, Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding, Georgetown University

Moderator: Nabila Ramdani

Journalist, author of Women in the 1919 Egyptian Revolution

10.15

Refreshments

10.45-12.00

Session 7 The Historiography of the 1919 Revolution

From Nationalism to Islamism; Revolution, the Wafd and the Rise of the Muslim Brotherhood

Professor Philip Marfleet

Emeritus Professor in Social Sciences at the University of East London

Neither Wilson nor Lenin: an Intellectual History of the 1919 Revolution

Dr Hussein A.H. Omar

Assistant Professor in Global History, University College Dublin

Moderator: Dr Anthony Gorman

Senior Lecturer, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, School of Literatures, Languages

and Cultures, University of Edinburgh

12.00-13.15

Session 8 Impact on Society and Minorities

Copts and the 1919 Revolution: Egyptian Identities and Nationalisms

Mark Bebawi

Doctoral Student, Rice University

The 1923 Egyptian Constitution and the Future of Elementary Education in Egypt

Dr Relli Shechter

Academic Visitor, Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford

Moderator: **Dr Ahmed El Mokadem**

International Consultant & Company Chairman

13.15 Lunch

14.15–15.00 **Session 9 The Arts**

Long Live Degenerate Art! Art as a Liberator for Egyptian Surrealists

Dr Omneya el Naggar

Department of Political Science, the American University of Cairo

Moderator: **Peter Mackenzie Smith** Trustee, The British Egyptian Society

15.00–16.45 Session 10 The Revolution and its Influence on the Next Hundred Years (panel session)

Panellist: Dr May Darwich

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Panellist: The Hon. Mona Makram Ebeid

Former Member of Parliament and Senator, Professor of political Science and Media

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Moderator: **Professor Robert Springborg** Italian Institute of International Affairs

16.45–17.00 Closing Remarks

The Rt Hon. Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean

Chairman, The British Egyptian Society

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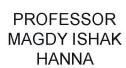
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